

VIRGINIA'S ROADMAP FOR IMPLEMENTING IT ACCESSIBILITY

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2006

Virginia Information Technologies Agency
Greater Richmond Convention Center (GRCC)
8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

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| 8:30 – 9:30 AM | Sign-in GRCC Room E 11 A & B |
| | Refreshments & Exhibit Preview GRCC Room E 11 C |
| 9:30 – 9:50 AM | Welcome
Mr. Paul E. Lubic, Jr., Associate Director,
Virginia Information Technologies Agency |
| | Opening Remarks
The Honorable Marilyn B. Tavenner,
Secretary of Health & Human Resources

The Honorable Aneesh Chopra,
Secretary of Technology

Mr. James A. Rothrock, Commissioner,
Department of Rehabilitative Services |
| 9:50 – 10:10 AM | Introduction
Mr. Ken Knorr, Director,
Virginia Assistive Technology Systems |
| | Virginia's Accessibility Requirements for Electronic & Information Technology
Ms. Linda Harris, JD, Disability Services Administration,
Tidewater Community College |
| 10:10 – 11:00 AM | Understanding IT Accessibility Requirements
Ms. Debra Ruh,
TecAccess, Founder & President |
| 11:00 – 11:15 AM | Break, Exhibit & Refreshments E 11 C |
| 11:15 – 12:00 | Implementing Section 508 Throughout the United States
Patent and Trademark Office
Mr. Fred DiFiore,
Director of Section 508 & 504 Compliance, USPTO
Mr. Tamas Babinszki,
Senior Accessibility Engineer, USPTO |
| 12:00 – 12:30 PM | Questions |
| 12:30 – 1:30 pm | Break, Exhibit & Refreshments E 11 C |

Panel Members

Mr. Tamas Babinski

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Mr. Babinski works for Project Performance Corporation as a Section 508 consultant. He has been a consultant at the United States Patent and Trademark Office since 2003. He is leading the Section 508 technical team, which provides Section 508 evaluations and training classes. Mr. Babinski has also worked with numerous government agencies providing solutions for accessibility, Section 504 and Section 508. He is also known internationally as a disability advocate; he helped in drafting the Equal Opportunity law in Hungary, and promoted higher education for the blind in China and Hungary.

Mr. Fred DiFiore

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Mr. DiFiore has been in IT and program management for 30 years. His Section 508 program at the US Patent and Trademark Office has received numerous awards including a Federal Government best practice. He created a training program that thousands of students from across the country have attended. He has also written a booklet on creating a Section 508 program that has been briefed to state, federal and foreign government organizations; universities; and, contractors and business corporations.

Ms. Linda W. Harris, JD

Tidewater Community College

Ms. Harris is an experienced attorney with a special interest in accessibility for all people with disabilities. Ms. Harris is currently serving as the Coordinator for Disability Services Administration at Tidewater Community College, serving more than 1500 students with disabilities at TCC's four campuses. Prior to her appointment at TCC, Linda served as the Electronics and Information Technology Program and Policy Specialist for Virginia Assistive Technology and worked with the VITA team in the development of the Accessibility Standards and Guidelines in information technology. Linda received a Bachelor's Degree from Virginia Wesleyan College and her Juris Doctor from the College of William and Mary's Marshall-Wythe School of Law.

Ms. Juliet Nisley

VITA Supply Chain Management

Ms. Nisley is an information technology procurement professional with responsibility for contract quality review.

Mr. Eric B. Perkins

VITA Policy, Practice and Architecture

Mr. Perkins is an information technology enterprise architecture professional responsible of questions of governance with Commonwealth policies, standards and guidelines.

Ms. Debra Ruh

TecAccess

Ms. Ruh is the founder and president of TecAccess and has more than 25 years of professional experience implementing and creating technology, compliance, policy, quality assurance, training and e-Learning solutions for government agencies and organizations all over the world. Debra was appointed to the Olmstead Board by Governor Tim Kaine in Jan 2006. TecAccess was awarded the prestigious 2005 Presidential Freedom Initiative Award. Debra is a recognized leader in the E&IT Accessibility and Section 508 Compliance arena. Debra has authored many articles for national publications and is a major supporter for the rights of persons with disabilities.